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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT 11-65: *In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations*

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Education is the key to a successful future. In Haywood County Schools we never lose sight of the importance of education for our students. Our ultimate goal is helping students achieve their maximum level of academic and extra-curricular success. While this task is sometimes daunting, we never give up and we always believe our students can achieve at a high level.

It is essential for our students and schools to stay up-to-date regarding information and technology. Staying up-to-date is important for maintaining student interest and assuring that instructional information is current. As you know, there is a proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA. This merger seems to be in the best interest of Haywood County Schools and our students. If approved, over 97 percent of the country would have access to a strong, secure wireless broadband network. This is important because many of the best teaching tools, new state testing requirements and teacher staff development opportunities involve using the Internet. Please support this merger.

A strong reliable network could make a substantial difference in how material is taught and information is communicated. A strong network provides access to the latest information and also saves time for teachers and students. The use of new technologies in schools improves student engagement and creates a contemporary learning atmosphere that benefits students, staff and the community.

Sincerely,

Bill Nolte, Ed.D.
Associate Superintendent

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